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**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please note that the referenced paragraph numbers refer to the paragraph numbering of the published application (US 2005/0229977 A1). Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following paragraph at the end of the "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" section (after paragraph [0011]) in the original specification:

**FIG 3** is a depiction of a metal hydride hydrogen storage system utilizing the valve assembly of **FIG 1**.

Please insert the following paragraph after paragraph [0017] of the original specification:

Referring to Figure 3, an exemplary embodiment of a hydrogen storage system 20 is shown. The hydrogen storage system 20 comprises a source of gaseous hydrogen 24, a pressure containment vessel 22 at least partially filled with a hydrogen storage alloy, and a pressure regulating valve 10 providing gaseous communication between the source of gaseous hydrogen 24 and the pressure containment vessel.